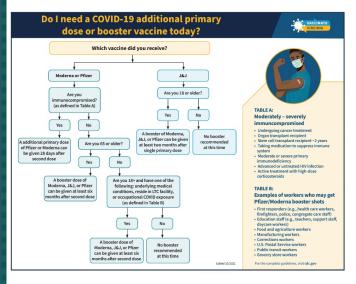


ANEW THIS WEEK!

CSHD IS OFFERING PFIZER, MODERNA, JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS TO ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS



For individuals who received a **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna** COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have <u>underlying medical conditions</u>
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For people who got the **Johnson & Johnson** COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

The FDA and CDC also authorized mixing and matching different vaccines from the initial series. Read more here.

Looking for an opportunity to get your COVID-19 booster shot this week?

Monday, November 1 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. College Square (Old Peeble's/Gordmans)

Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (Booster doses for eligible persons, first and second doses also available)

Appointments preferred. To make your appointment, please visit vase.vdh.virginia.gov.

Wednesday, November 3 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Rockingham County Fairgrounds

Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (Booster doses for eligible persons, first and second doses also available)

Appointments preferred. To make your appointment, please visit vase.vdh.virginia.gov.

Thursday, November 4, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. James Madison University Convocation Center

Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (Booster doses for eligible persons, first and second doses also available)

Appointments preferred. To make your appointment, please visit<u>vase.vdh.virginia.gov.</u>

This clinic is available to everyone in our community! You do NOT have to be faculty, staff or student at JMU.



Read more about COVID-19 Booster
Doses

THE FLU SHOT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



What: Flu Shots (also known as Influenza Vaccines) are the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu, which is a potentially serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death.

Who: All people 6 months and older (with rare exceptions).

When: People should get a flu shot every year. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October to protect themselves during the flu season. It is okay to get a flu shot after October.

Why: When more people are vaccinated against the flu, the flu will have less of an opportunity to spread in a

community. This means less people will need medical care for flu illness and our already overwhelmed healthcare system can focus on helping people with other health problems, such as Covid-19.

Flu Shot & COVID-19 Vaccine: You can get a flu shot and a COVID-19 vaccine on the same day, there are no timing requirements between getting a flu shot and a Covid-19 vaccine.

Where: You can get a flu shot from your healthcare provider or just about any pharmacy. Some public providers offer the flu vaccine for free. Visit the VDH website to find out where you can get your flu shot. You can also visit http://flushot.healthmap.org/ for flu shot clinics near you.

UPCOMING FLU VACCINE CLINICS AT THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT!

Call your local health department to schedule an appointment!

Harrisonburg Rockingham Health Department: Call 540-574-5101 Flu vaccine clinics every Friday, 9:00am-11:00am

Waynesboro Augusta Health Department: Call 540-949-0137 Flu vaccine clinics every Wednesday, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Lexington Rockbridge Health Department: Call 540-463-3185 Flu vaccine clinics every Monday, 1:00pm-4:00pm

You may receive your COVID-19 shot or booster at the same time as your flu shot!

CONTINUED COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS IN CSHD

The Central Shenandoah Health District continues to offer free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinics each week throughout the district. Testing is available for individuals, regardless of vaccination status, who have symptoms of COVID-19 and/or have been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Eligibility will occur onsite.

You can find a testing center near you on the VDH Testing Sites Website

Monday, November 1 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at Hillandale Park, Harrisonburg **Thursday, November 4** from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at Hillandale Park, Harrisonburg

PCR tests available. A health department employee will call with results once available. Individuals should isolate until they receive a negative test. Call the Staunton-Augusta Health Department for questions or assistance: (540) 332-7830.

Read more about COVID-19 testing quidance

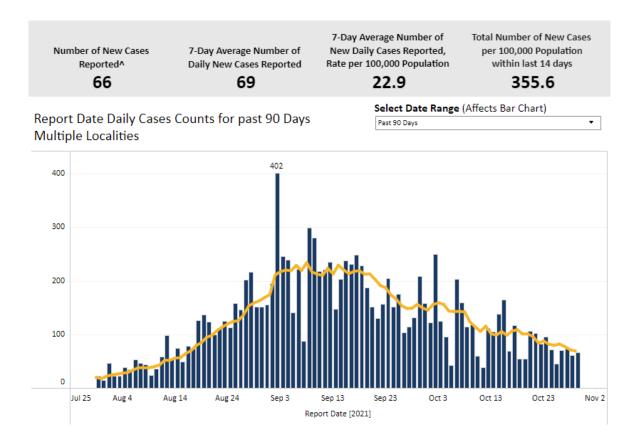
UPCOMING WEBINARS OPEN TO ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF

- Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM: Join VDH for a Webinar on Understanding COVID-19 Vaccine: What
 the Evidence Tells Us This free event has been approved for Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit
 /Continuing Education (CE) credit for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.
 - Panelists: Richard Wenzel, MD, MSc; Chris Ghaemmaghami, MD, FACEP; Kelly Goode, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP. Moderator: Wendy Klein, MD, MACP.
 - Dial In: +1-408-418-9388, Meeting Number: 132 936 7287, Webinar Link: <u>Click Here to Join</u>
 - <u>Please share details of this panel event</u> with members of your professional organizations.

CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 DATA

Case Trends

The chart below illustrates the rate of cases throughout the Central Shenandoah Health District over the last 90 days.



Case Data Breakdown

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Negative numbers indicate data corrections, since March 2020. More data can be found here.

	7-Day Average Number of Daily New Cases Reported	Total Cases	Total Hospitalizations	Total Deaths
Rockingham County	19	9,418	591	153
Harrisonburg City	9	8,253	256	104
Augusta County	14	10,168	298	126
Staunton City	5	3,398	99	81
Waynesboro City	6	3,637	97	45
Rockbridge County	6	2,128	74	58
Lexington City	3	1,572	34	36
Buena Vista City	6	1,321	30	25
Bath County	2	490	20	14
Highland County	1	180	2	4
Totals:	71	40,565	1501	646

Vaccination Rates

You are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks after a single-

In the Central Shenandoah Health District, vaccination percentages are broken down by locality and city below:

	Percentage of Population receiving one dose	Percentage of Population fully vaccinated	Percentage of Adults receiving one dose	Percentage of Adults fully vaccinated
Rockingham County	52.8	48.9	63.3	58.8
Harrisonburg City	52.5	47.9	58.9	53.9
Augusta County	55.7	52.2	64.9	60.9
Staunton City	64.8	59.6	75.4	69.7
Waynesboro City	60.7	55.8	74.4	68.7
Rockbridge County	57.1	53.0	65.4	61.0
Lexington City	53.8	49.7	58.7	54.0
Buena Vista City	55.2	50.2	65.8	60.1
Bath County	55.0	49.3	63.0	56.4
Highland County	56.3	53.7	63.8	61.0
Totals:	56.4	52.0	65.4	60.5

Data Sources - Find out more!

The Virginia Department of Health maintains a COVID-19 dashboard containing case, vaccination and transmission data. To find out more about this data and how it is collected, click the link below!

Visit the VDH COVID-19 Data Dashboard

COVID-19 MITIGATION



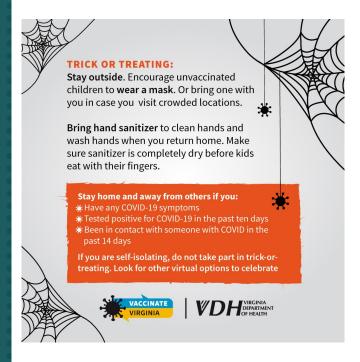
Vaccination is our number one line of defense in defeating COVID-19. All COVID-19 vaccines approved and authorized in the United States are safe, effective and free. The Central Shenandoah Health District encourages everyone who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine do so as soon as possible!

In addition to vaccination, layering other public health mitigation measures can keep you and your family safe! This can include:

- Masking up in areas of high transmission, even if you have already been vaccinated. Currently, the majority
 of localities throughout the state are in a state of substantial to high transmission. Read more about
 transmission here.
- Practice physical distancing (also known as social distancing), and stay 6 feet apart from others. It is a
 way to slow the spread of COVID-19 by reducing close contact between people. The closer you are to other
 people who are not fully vaccinated and the more time you spend with those people, the higher the risk of
 COVID-19 spread.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, rubbing your hands together for at least 30 seconds until they are dry.

Read more about COVID-19 Mitigation Best Practices

Health Education Corner



Tricks, not treats, for Halloween!

In preparation for spooky festivities this weekend, check out this list for suggestions on how to keep kids safe! Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help kids see and be seen by drivers.

Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating.

Slow down and be alert! Kids are excited on Halloween and may dart into the street. Turn on headlights early in the day to spot kids from further away.

Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls. Choose face paint over masks when possible. Masks can limit children's vision.

To learn more about keeping the kiddos safe on Halloween, visit https://www.safekids.org/halloween

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Click the button below for a full list of COVID-19 vaccine clinics happening in the Central Shenandoah Health District. The clinics are separated by region. Please note that the Pfizer vaccine is approved for ages 12+ and the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for ages 18+. These schedules are subject to change

You can register for these clinics at vase.vdh.virginia.gov.

View the COVID-19 Community
Calendars

We also continue to partner with organizations throughout the district to provide access to COVID-19 vaccines. Visit the websites below for COVID-19 vaccine clinics operated by our community partners!

- Augusta Health: https://vaccinate.augustahealth.com/vaccine-appointments/
- Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital: https://www.carilionclinic.org/covid-19-vaccine#latest-updates
- Health Community Health Centers: https://www.hburgchc.org/covid-19-2/
- Rockbridge Area Health Center: https://www.rockahc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/
- Sentra Rockingham Memorial Hospital: https://www.sentara.com/harrisonburg-virginia/covid-19-information.aspx

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https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/

